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SUBJECT: DANUBE COMMISSION MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EMBASSY SOURCE RESIDENT MEMBERS DANUBE COMMISSION MEETING TODAY IN BUDAPEST IN FIRST OF SESSIONS EXPECTED TO EXTEND OVER TWO- WEEK PERIOD. SESSION WILL CULMINATE MARCH 24 AND 25 IN CELEBRATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST POSTWAR MEETING IN BELGRADE OF COMMISSION WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY TRANSPORT MINISTERS OF SEVEN RIPARIAN STATES (USSR, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AUSTRIA).

2. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE FRG HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRESSURE FROM COMMISSION FOR FRG TO ASSUME FULL MEMBERSHIP, MAIN PURPOSE BEING TO OBTAIN FRG PAYMENT FULL MEMBERSHIPS DUES. WEST GERMANS NOW REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS ON TECHNICAL COMMITTEES. MEMBER OF WEST GERMAN TRADE MISSION HERE TELLS US THAT, AS FAR AS MISSION AWARE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BONN HAS NO PLANS TO SEND HIGH- RANKING REPRESENTATIVE TO
BUDAPEST TWENTY- FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING. UNTIL BERLIN
SITUATION CLARIFIED, HE SAID, FRG HAS NO INTEREST IN FULL
MEMBERSHIP DANUBE COMMISSION. ADDED THAT COMMERCE BETWEEN
FRG AND EE COUNTRIES ON UPSWING WITH MUCH OF IT TRAVELING
BY DANUBE TRANSPORT. AS LONG AS THIS SITUATION PREVAILS,
HE OPINED, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT RIPARIAN POWERS WILL
MAKE ISSUE OF FRG' S STAND ON FULL MEMBERSHIP.
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